

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A fishing reel comprising:

a reel body attachable to a fishing rod, the reel body having right and left side plates, and a plate connected between the right and left side plates to partially form an upper surface of the reel body;

a spool rotatably supported by the reel body between the right and left side plates;

a handle disposed at a side portion of the reel body for rotating the spool to winding a fishing line on the spool, a rotation axis of the handle being substantially parallel to a rotation axis of the spool; and

an auxiliary operating member for auxiliary winding the fishing line on the spool provided at a position in which the auxiliary operating member can be operated by a finger of an angler's hand holding the fishing rod to which the reel body is attached, wherein the auxiliary operating member is formed so that, when the handle is rotated to rotate the spool, the auxiliary operating member is not rotated in response to the rotation of the handle,

wherein a one-way clutch is interposed between a rotating member and the auxiliary operating member, and the rotating member is rotated in response to the rotation of the handle, wherein an operating portion of the auxiliary operating member to be operated by the finger is rotatably provided between the left and right side plates which constitute the reel body,

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wherein the operating portion is formed in a lever shape, and
~~a plate connected between the left and right side plates to partially form an upper surface of the reel body, wherein the plate is respectively positioned between the auxiliary operating member and a front end of the reel body, and wherein the operating portion is projected upward from a surface of the plate.~~

Claim 2 (previously presented): The fishing reel according to claim 1, wherein the auxiliary operating member is rotatably provided between the left and right side plates which constitute the reel body.

Claim 3: Cancelled

Claim 4 (withdrawn): The fishing reel according to claim 1, wherein the auxiliary operating member includes a dial-shaped portion to be operated by the finger.

Claims 5-8: Cancelled

Claim 9 (withdrawn): The fishing reel according to claim 7, wherein the reel body is provided with a finger rest plate extending between the side plates and

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the operating portion projects upwardly from a surface of the finger rest so that when a thumb of the angler's hand is put on the finger rest plate, the operating portion can be operated by the thumb.

Claim 10 (withdrawn): The fishing reel according to claim 9, wherein the auxiliary operating member extends along a rear edge of the finger rest plate, and the operating portion inclines backwardly.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The fishing reel according to claim 1, wherein the plate is curved outward in a direction towards the front end of the reel body, such that the plate extends above and over a portion of the front end of the reel body.